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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN FAO COUNCIL

REF: (A) ROME 18978, (B) STATE 279690

1. IN CALL ON COUNSELOR PERES, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, DECEMBER 1, E/C COUNSELOR RAISED ON INFORMAL BASIS BRAZILIAN FAO REP. BRITO'S SUGGESTION THAT US-CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN FAO COUNCIL BE REDUCED (REF A). E/C COUNSELOR STATED ARGUMENTS FOR PERMANENT US FAO COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP (REF A), EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT BRITO'S PROPOSAL, INQUIRED WHETHER IT REPRESENTED AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR A PERSONAL VIEW, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BRITO'S SUGGESTION WOULD BE ALLOWED QUIETLY TO DISAPPEAR (REF B).

2. PERES, WHO DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF BRITO'S REMARKS, SAID THAT BRITO'S STATEMENT DID NOT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, REPRESENT AN OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN POSITION. HE REAMRKED THAT "IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRINCIPLE" IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT THE US POSITION AND ITS UNDERLYING REASONING WERE JUSTIFIED, BUT THEN SAID THAT THIS TYPE OF ISSUE WAS HANDLED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. E/C COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT WE HAD CHOSEN THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT AS THE CHANNEL TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NORMALLY LOOKED TO THE MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC AREA FOR SUBSTANTIVE

GUIDANCE. PERES PROMISED TO CONVEY US CONCERNS (E/C COUNSELOR LEFT TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFS A AND B) TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AND INDICATED THAT IN PERHAPS A WEEK OR SO HE WOULD HAVE THAT DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO BRITO'S PROPOSAL. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S REACTION.

3. COMMENT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, BRITO HAS AN OCCASIONAL TENDENCY TO STRAY BEYOND BRASILIA'S GUIDANCE EVEN WITHIN SENSITIVE AREAS, A FACT GOOD-HUMOREDLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION. PERES, IN COMMENTING ON THE VALIDITY OF US ARGUMENTS, CAME CLOSE TO DISOWNING BRITO'S REMARKS.
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